



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Children and Family Services

At its meeting held February 28, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"Gang-related homicides during the last 5 years have accounted for approximately 50% of all homicides Countywide. According to the Los Angeles County Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee's Interagency Gang Task Force, a total of 33 young people who had a prior referral history with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) died as a result of random shootings between the years of 2004 and 2005. It is likely that the majority of these young people fell into gang violence as victims or as gang members themselves. Of the 33 young victims, 10 had open DCFS cases at the time of the fatal incident.

"The Department of Children and Family Services provides the option to select gang awareness and prevention training during a variety of caregiver conferences and trainings. Session topics include information about alcohol, drug use, gang psychology, prevention and intervention strategies. However, in view of the significant amount of gang activity throughout Los Angeles County, there is an urgent need to better prepare caregivers to recognize, intervene and divert children from gangs and thereby from gang related activities."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Director of Children and Family Services was instructed to report back in 90 days with a plan to enhance and strengthen the provision of gang awareness and prevention education for caregivers, and to inform caregivers about alternative public resources available to keep young people safe from gangs.

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